

# GWUC Organic Vision Document

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centred community that meets God and shares unconditional love.

To do this we will continually ask ourselves if we are honouring these areas in all we plan and do.



**We** are also encouraging all groups to create rhythms. We encourage each other to dream, wonder possibilities, to partnering with others and other areas of our community.

The process should include debriefing, asking what worked, what didn't and what could be improve. Remembering to celebrating the event and all those involved it it.



**2014** was a new season here at Glen Waverley and the missional groups continued to be the life and ministry enablers of our congregation.

At the start of the year as requested by Church Council each Missional and Functional group shared their main objectives and goals. It is encouraging to see how these goals fit nicely into our newly identified areas and we look forward to seeing their initiatives for 2015 and beyond initiatives.

## Next..



Read the full GWUC Organic Vision Document

Enabling our Vision the Growing Generous Givers campaign will begin in September.

Groups will form around interest in our identified areas, and begin to strategise.

Church Council will continue to look towards the future ministry and ministry team configurations on behalf of the congregation.

**All documents can be found on the wiki or printed copies available from the office.**



**We** have spent time together asking ourselves how we continue to live out our vision statement in a culturally relevant way.

We belong to a multi cultural community and our ministry needs to reflect this.

We are committed to all our existing ministries, and would like to highlight that our Seniors, Children and Families and Youth and Young adults ministries are still a part of our vision and focus, and to reflect our community's demographics we especially need to grow in the latter two areas.

This is a organic, living document. It will change, with each season.



**We** have a diverse ministry that encourages and empowers individuals, families, youth and children to explore their faith and purpose in a community environment of unconditional love.

We offer a variety of worship services, communion, faith development, baptisms, weddings, funerals, small groups, faith exploration groups, bible studies, welfare, broadcasts, podcasts, gatherings, hospitality, english conversation classes, pastoral care, coffee and many other seasonal programs and ministries, for all ages and cultures.

In all we do, we aim to serve our community, our world and each other.



**O**ur biblical understanding of the Church and her role centres around us loving God and loving our neighbour in all our communal activities.

Responding to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our local and global world, we strive to be a church reflecting Jesus' gospel message of love, grace and transformation.



**A**fter much prayer and conversation we have identified areas for growth, commitment and focus over the next 5 years.

We identified two **Internal** and two **External** areas.

## 1. Continuing to build connectedness and genuine community.

We build on our existing pastoral care, enriching our fellowship and strengthening our sense of community, by

- Fostering relationships
- Small groups
- Pastoral care and Pastoral partners
- Gatherings and events
- Intergenerational connections

## 2. Nurturing faith development, sharing, questioning and exploration.

We offer engaging worship along with opportunities to discover and explore faith in an environment where all are welcome wherever they are in their journey of life and faith, by

- Providing specified study groups
- Developing expressions of faith
- Diverse worship services, styles and times
- Broadcast Ministry
- Teaching
- Conferences, seminars and guest speakers
- A culture of asking questions, exploring and sharing faith

## 3. Kingsway Ministry.

We intentionally grow our ministry to our local multicultural community, by

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- Reflecting our context's demographic
- Ensuring culturally diversity
- Intentional listening to and learning from other multicultural or ethnic specific church communities
- Building relationships by pastoral care and prayer support to Kingsway businesses
- Participating in Kingsway events. i.e. Chinese New Year
- Communicating and affirming by the use of Thank you cards and Christmas cards
- Utilising our grounds and facilities to enhance our ministry in Kingsway. i.e. Fete, Book sale
- Fostering relationships
- Navigating our diverse world
- Inviting people on the journey

## 4. Raising Glen Waverley Uniting Church's profile, by serving our local community.

We nurture partnerships to enable our congregation to grow our servant heart, by

- Partnering with schools, councils and clubs etc
- Reflecting our local demographic
- Talking to community organisations to identify needs within Glen Waverley
- Talking to global organisations to identify global concerns
- Empowering the disempowered
- Advocacy of community and global topics



**W**e are committed to challenging ourselves by keeping our identified areas at the forefront of all we do, by continually asking ourselves if any new initiatives fit within our identified ministry areas.

We are therefore asking all groups to actively consider whether new initiatives fit within our congregation's identified ministry areas.